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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL	
Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.	
Application Number	09/699,503
Filing Date	October 31, 2000
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Group Art Unit	3624
Examiner Name	G.R. Akers
Attorney Docket Number	2566-106

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
 - a. ☒ Previously submitted
 - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 17, 2003
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
 - b. Enclosed
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other _____
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.170(i) required.)
 - b. ☐ Other _____
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F. R. § 1.17(e) - \$385
 - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) \$155 (\$55 pd on 11/17/03)
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
 - b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 540.00 enclosed.
 - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed.)

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